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Following is a summary of a half-hour radio program broadcast in Bahnar dialect by the Voice of Vietnam, Hanoi, DRV, to the mountain people of the South Vietnam Highlands, at 09:00 GMT on 19 February 1956, 15020, 9465, 7855, 7425, 7410, 6098, 6235, and 1205 kos:

1. Up to now the Government (DRV) has always tried to bring a happy life to the people throughout the country. The highlander compatriots are enjoying a free life, and are doing their best to increase their production as recommended by their beloved Government. Cultivable areas continue to increase. During last July, August and September, 20.8 billion dong of forest products were sold to the Government.

After the reestablishment of peace, our Government created the autonomous zones to help the highlander compatriots manage their respective regions in accordance with their tradition.

The Government has also created a committee of autonomous peoples where all the highlander compatriots now have their representatives. Thanks to this new organization, the various ethnic minorities understand one another and realize the kindness of the Government. Being aware of the machinations of division of the imperialists and the colonialists, the highlander compatriots place their confidence in the Government.

2. After the distribution of ricefields, forestland, and cattle to the needy compatriots, the latter are competing eagerly in increasing their production. Good seeds have been distributed to the compatriots to help them have a good crop.

3. In caring for the health of highlander compatriots, the Government has distributed several types of medicines for treating various contagious diseases, especially smallpox and malaria.

4. Several schools have been established for the children of the highlands. Cadre training schools have also been created for highlander compatriots.

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